

Steeb House

Herrick Archives Number H 204

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 Building was never officially named by Board of Trustees.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

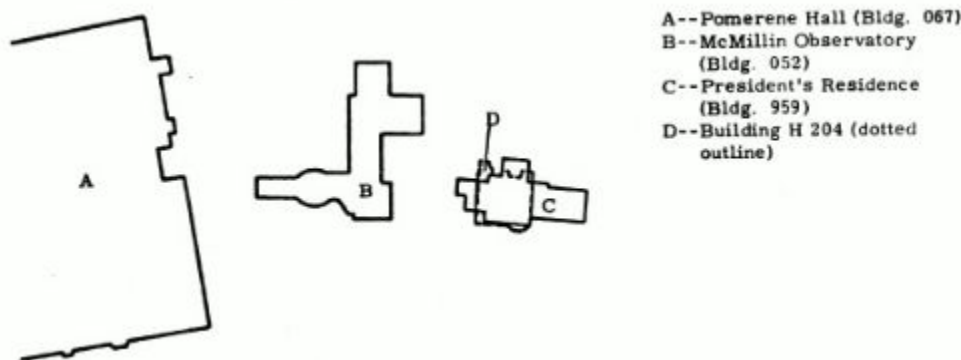
Astronomer's Residence
Astronomer's House
Observatory Residence
Secretary's Residence

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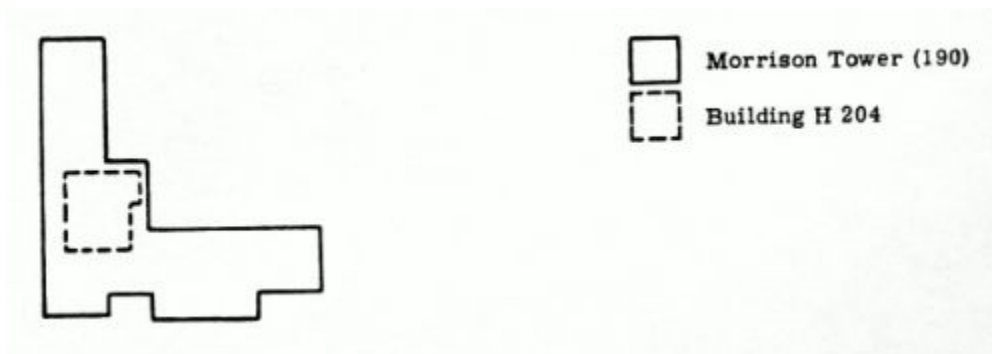
2. Location

See Addendum No. 1

2. 1 Originally located on the site of the present President's Residence (Bldg. 959). See sketch below and also report for Building 959.



2. 2 In order to clear the site for the erection of the President's Residence (Bldg. 959), the Astronomer's Residence (Bldg. H 204) was moved to Eleventh Avenue where Morrison Tower (Bldg. 190) now stands. The new address was 198 West Eleventh Avenue. See sketch below and also report for Building 190.



3. General Description

3. 1 Type of construction:

Frame interior with brick exterior (authors recollection).

3.2 No. of stories:

Basement, two stories, and attic (author's recollection).

3. 3 Size of building:

3. 3. 1 Reported at 3, 611 square feet and 38, 236 cubic feet at first location (McC 2: 284).

3. 3. 2 Reported at 3, 745 square feet and 36, 000 cubic feet at second location (McC 4: 7A).

B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

1. On November 9, 1899 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents presented by the Farm Committee and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors. Cope stated in the annual report for 1899-1900 (p. 24) that the plans were prepared by Prof. H. C. Lord.

2. Bids were received on January 23, 1900 (T).

3. On January 23, 1900 the Board of Trustees awarded the construction contract to Hugh J. McTeague.

4. The house was apparently completed during the summer. On August 7, 1900 President Thompson reported the "complete" cost, and the rent was set at \$300 per year beginning September 1 (T). McCracken also reports August 1900 as the date of completion (McC 2: 4).

C. RELOCATION

1. The Board of Trustees on April 16, 1925 decided to locate the new President's Residence (Bldg. 959) on the site of Building H 204. The new location for the latter was approved by the Board of Trustees on April 25, 1925.

2. The exact date of moving the house has not been determined, but it must have been soon after April 16, 1925, since contracts for the new President's Residence had been awarded on April 4, 1925.

3. There was some remodeling of the house after it was moved (McC 4: 7A).

D. DEMOLITION

The Board of Trustees on July 6, 1960 authorized demolition of the building to clear the site for Morrison Tower (Bldg. 190). However, the demolition was apparently delayed, for on September 26, 1960 the building

was assigned by the Office of Campus Planning for rental use for the autumn quarter only (P). Since the contracts for the construction of Morrison Tower (Bldg. 190) were awarded on March 10, 1961, it seems likely that Building H 204 was razed between the end of autumn quarter 1960 and mid-March, 1961.

E. COST

1. President Thompson on August 7, 1900 reported a completed cost of \$4,557.95 to the Board of Trustees.
2. After relocation a cost of \$7,192.02 was reported (McC 4: 7A).

F. MISCELLANEOUS

1. In addition to preparing the plans. Prof. H. C. Lord was appointed by the Board of Trustees on January 23, 1900 to serve on a committee to locate the building and have charge of construction.
2. Apparently the only occupants of the house at its original location were the Lords. The Board on April 16, 1925 instructed the Secretary to notify Mrs. Lord of its desire that the house be vacated. Five months later (September 19) the Board minutes record the death on September 16 of Professor Lord.
3. On June 12, 1935 the Board agreed to turn over the use of the house to the Secretary, Carl Steeb. On June 11, 1945 Carl Steeb was made Business Manager Emeritus and given continued use of the house. The author has personal knowledge that Mr. Steeb continued to reside in this house until his death in May 1958.
4. On February 27, 1959 the Office of Campus Planning assigned the house to the School of Home Economics for use as a Home Management house (P).

G. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 1741--picture of the McMillin Observatory (052) with Building H 204 on the right.

X 7611--in second location.

John H. Herrick
August 25, 1972

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Address at original location arbitrarily assigned for indexing purposes: 250 West 12th Avenue.

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ADDENDUM NO. 2

Alternate name noted: Emerson McMillin Observatory Dwelling House.

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ADDENDUM NO. 3

Inspection of old campus maps reveals the following additional name for this building:

Lord, H.C., Residence

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November 13, 1979